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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: ILO PLO

SUBJ: PLO ISSUE IN ILO CONFERENCE STANDING ORDERS COMMITTEE

REF: A) GENEVA 4286; B) GENEVA 4289

1. SUMMARY: RESULTS STANDING ORDER COMITE DEBATE
CLEARLY INDICATE OVERWHELMING SENTIMENT FOR
ACCEPTANCE PLO IN OBSERVER STATUS IN ILO THOUGH
DELIBERATIONS CONTINUE ON CERTAIN DETAILS. US DEL
ESTIMATES THAT COMITE REPORT WILL BE CONSIDERED AND
PASSED BY PLENARY AS FIRST ORDER OF BUSINESS ON
THURSDAY JU E 12 AND THAT INVITATION TO PLO WILL BE
ISSUED BY CONFERENCE AND PLO REPS WILL BE IMMEDIATELY SEATED
OR SEATED NO LATER THAN MORNING OF JUNE 13. IF US WORKERS
DECIDE WITHDRAW OFFICIALLY FROM
CONFERENCE, US EMPLOYERS WILL AUTOMATICALLY LOSE VOTE.
SHOULD US WORKERS SIMPLY DECIDE WALK OUT, AND NOT
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WITHDRAW FROM THE CONFERENCE, US EMPLOYERS WOULD RETAIN

THEIR RIGHT TO VOTE. US DEL CONSIDERS DEPT SHOULD BE AWARE POSSIBLE ALTERNATIVES AND BE PREPARED ISSUE APPROPRIATE INSTRUCTIONS WHEN US WORKERS POSITION MORE CLEARLY DEFINED. END SUMMARY.

2. IN TURBULENT DISCUSSION RESULTING IN REJECTION OF COMPROMISE LANGUAGE DEVELOPED BY INFORMAL WORKING PARTY COMPOSED OF CHAIRMAN, TWO VICE CHAIRMEN AND THOSE WHO HAD SUBMITTED AMENDMENTS PLO ISSUE, STANDING ORDERS COMITE VOTED TO ACCEP THE WORDING OF PARA 11 OF BG STANDING ORDERS COMMITTEE REPORT AS THE BASIC TEXT OF A NEW CLAUSE (K) TO ART 2 PARA 3 OF STANDING ORDERS READING AS FOLLOWS: QTE REPRESENTATIVES OF LIBERATION MEOWEMENTS RECOGNIZED BY THE OAU OR THE LEAGUE ARAB STATES WHICH HAVE BEEN INVITED BY THE CONFERENCE OR BY THE GOVERNING BODY TO BE REPRESENTED AT THE CONFERENCE. UNQTE. AGAINST WHICH THE THREE AMENDMENTS (REFTEL A) WOULD BE VOTED.

3. US GOVT AMENDMENT (PARA 1 (B) REF A) DEFEATED BY LACK OF QUORUM: FOR 13,863 (US); AGAINST 9, ABSTENTION 64,432.

4. AFL-CIO SPONSORED AMENDMENT (PARA 1 (A) REF A) DEFEATED BY LACK OF QUORUM: FOR 17,538 (US), AGAINST 817, ABSTENTION 61,935.

5. EGYPTIAN GOVT DEL SALAMA WITHDREW HIS PROPOSED AMENDMENT (PARA 1 (C) REF A) BEFORE VOTING ON AMENDMENTS BEGAN.

6. AFTER AMENDMENTS DISPOSED OF COMITE VOTED ACCEPT TEXT PARA 2 ABOVE 56,446, 14,703 (US), 5,495.

7. AFTER THIS VOTE TAKEN AT ABOUT 5:30 PM SOME THIRTY MINUTES AFTER SCHEDULED CLOSE OF SESSION, COMITE DELIBERATIONS DEGENERATED INTO INCONCLUSIVE PROCEDURAL WRANGLE, MARKED BY WALK-OUT OF US WORKERS AND EMPLOYERS AND DISAPPEARANCE OF NUMBER OF OTHER DELEGATES WHO WISHED ATTEND SELECTIONS COMITE MEETING, AND ACTION CONFIDENTIAL

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POSTPONED ON THREE FURTHER MODIFICATIONS TO STANDING ORDERS RELATING TO LIMITS OF NLM PARTICIPATION AT CONFERENCE, AT COMMITTEE MTGS AND AT REGIONAL MTGS UNTIL 11:30 AM TUESDAY JUNE 10.

8. US DEL ANTICIPATES ACTION ON PARTICIPATION WILL BE COMPLETED TUESDAY MORNING AND ANTICIPATES STORMY AFTERNOON SESSION AS STANDING ORDERS COMITE

CONSIDERS TEXT OF REPORT TO CONFERENCE THIS ITEM.

9. IF, AS ANTICIPATED, COMMITTEE COMPLETES ITS WORK (INCLUDING APPROVAL OF ITS REPORT) ON JUNE 10, CONSIDERATION AND ADOPTION OF THE REPORT WILL BE FIRST ORDER OF BUSINESS ON THURSDAY MORNING, JUNE 12, PLENARY SITTING. ONCE STANDING ORDERS AMENDMENTS ADOPTED BY PLENARY, THERE IS LIKELY TO BE MOVE IN PLENARY FOR IMMEDIATE WELCOME OF PLO REPRESENTATIVES ON GROUNDS OF MARCH GB RECOMMENDATION THAT REPRESENTATIVES OF LIBERATION MOVEMENTS BE ON HAND TO IMMEDIATELY ASSUME SEATS IF AMENDMENTS ADOPTED, IN EFFECT CONSTITUTED AN INVITATION. IF THIS FAILS, PLO WILL ASSUME SEAT ON NEXT MORNING, FRIDAY, JUNE 13. DALE UNQTE KISSINGER

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